

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Planning and Building	(2) MEETING DATE 6/17/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Suzan Ehdaie, Planner II/781-4974	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution authorizing the department of Planning & Building to submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for a CalHome grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the County's First Time Home Buyer Program. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached resolution to: 1) authorize the Planning and Building Department to submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for a CalHome grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the County's First Time Home Buyer Program; and 2) authorize the Director of the Planning and Building Department to execute a Standard Agreement.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) General Fund \$5,000 and CalHome Program \$1,000,000	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,005,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Lisa M. Howe			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning and Building / Suzan Ehdaie, Planner II/

VIA: Wes Drysdale, Administrative Services Manager

DATE: 6/17/2014

SUBJECT: Submittal of a resolution authorizing the department of Planning & Building to submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for a CalHome grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the County's First Time Home Buyer Program. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The County has been implementing the First Time Home Buyer Program (FTHB) for seven years. This has allowed the County to assist 50 low-income families become homeowners by using CalHome funds to provide down payment assistance. In 2012, the County was awarded \$1 million in CalHome grant funding to help 20 to 25 low-income homebuyers and within the past year has assisted 16 low-income families. The balance of these CalHome funds will expire in 2015. The County is continuing to accept applications from potential homebuyers and expects to be able to expend the 2012 CalHome grant over the next year.

On April 29, 2014, HCD issued a new Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$43 million for the CalHome program. This allows local jurisdictions to apply for up to \$1 million in grant funds for eligible activities (including the First Time Home Buyer Program). The deadline to submit an application to HCD is July 10, 2014. Based on the use of the current program, staff is confident that there continues to be enough interested and eligible homebuyers as well as enough homes available at appropriate prices to support an application for \$1 million. Staff therefore recommends applying for the maximum \$1 million CalHome grant to continue assisting low-income homebuyers countywide.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has approved the resolution as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The CalHome grant program does not require a local match. However, HCD limits the amount of CalHome funds that the County can use to cover its staff costs implementing the program. Staff estimates that this limit will result in a total annual cost to the County's General Fund of approximately \$5,000 during the fiscal years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18.

RESULTS

If HCD approves the grant application for up to \$1,000,000 in grant funds for the County's First Time Home Buyer program, the Planning and Building Department would continue to operate the First Time Home Buyer program and could assist 20 to 25 low-income families to become homeowners over the next three years. Supporting First Time Home Buyers through this program is consistent with the countywide goals of promoting prosperous and livable communities.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Resolution